



(8-9) Albuquerque Thunderbirds at (8-10) Tulsa 66ers
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ALBUQUERQUE THUNDERBIRDS PROBABLE STARTERS

Position	#	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Comments:
Guard	24	Abdul Mills	6-3	190	Started the 2007-08 season in Syria with InterCollege Etha Engomis before deciding to return home. He had a strong season at Milford Academy where he averaged 17.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 7.5 assists per game....Averaged 22.0 points per game in his final season at Martin Luther King High School. Acquired: Acquired by the Thunderbirds through Local Player Tryouts.
Forward	7	Josh Gross	6-6	205	Started the 2007-08 season in Finland with Karhut Kauhajoen, appearing in three games and averaging 12.7 points and 7.0 rebounds. Played with the Los Angeles D-Fenders in the NBA Development League in 2006-07, averaging 5.8 points and 1.4 rebounds in 14 games. Selected by the D-Fenders as the fifth pick of the 2006 D-League Expansion Draft. Appeared in six games with the Florida Flame in the D-League. Acquired: Acquired by the Thunderbirds through the D-League Draft on 11/01/07 (7 th Round – 87 th Pick Overall).
Forward	11	Darvin Ham	6-7	230	Played with six teams in the NBA from 1996 to 2005. Ham was a member of the 2004 World Champion Detroit Pistons. Participated in NBA training camp with the New Jersey Nets in the fall of 2006. Played with Maratonistas de Coamo in Puerto Rico in the summer of 2006, averaging 11.3 points and 5.0 rebounds in three games. Acquired: Acquired by the Thunderbirds through the D-League Draft on 11/01/07(1 st Round – 3 rd Pick Overall).
Forward	42	Alando Tucker	6-6	205	Tucker, the 2007 Big Ten Player of the Year and a First Team All-American by The Associated Press, averaged 19.9 points, 5.4 rebounds and 2.0 assists in 36 games in his senior season with the Badgers. He was also one of four finalists for the Naismith Trophy given to the national player of the year, along with eventual winner Texas forward Kevin Durant (2nd overall to Seattle), Texas A&M guard Acie Law IV (11th overall to Atlanta) and North Carolina forward Tyler Hansbrough. Acquired: Assigned to the Thunderbirds from the Phoenix Suns 11/29/07 & 1/11/08 (1 st Round – 29 th Pick Overall – 2007 NBA Draft).
Forward / Center	44	Kevin Pittsnogle	6-11	255	To the surprise of many West Virginia basketball fans and draft enthusiasts, neither Pittsnogle nor his teammate shooting guard Mike Gansey were chosen by any of the teams in the 2006 NBA Draft. Although Pittsnogle was predicted in most mock drafts as being chosen in the early-to-mid second round, he went undrafted and thus became a free agent. On July 25, 2006, Pittsnogle signed a two-year contract with the Boston Celtics. On October 20, 2006 the Celtics waived Pittsnogle. On November 8, 2006, Pittsnogle signed with the CBA's Pittsburgh Xplosion. Acquired: Through the draft pool 01/12/08.

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NBA PLAYERS ASSIGNED DURING THE 2007 - 08 THUNDERBIRDS SEASON

#8 D.J. STRAWBERRY GUARD 6'5" 201 Maryland '07



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Selected by the Suns in the second round of the 2007 NBA Draft, the guard tested as the best athlete at the Orlando Pre-Draft camp. Strawberry was named to the All-ACC Second Team and ACC All-Defensive Team. He scored in double figures in all 25 Maryland victories. Earned ACC All-Defensive Team Honorable Mention honors as a Junior.

Strawberry is son of Lisa Watkins and former Major League Baseball player Darryl Strawberry and has two brothers and four sisters. He served as a bat boy for the New York Yankees, while his father was on the roster. He matched up against the Cavaliers' LeBron James in high school, limiting the future All-Star to 33-percent shooting (0-8 from the outside) and forcing seven turnovers on the night. He was a communications major at Maryland.

#42 ALANDO TUCKER FORWARD 6'6" 205 Wisconsin '07



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The 6-6, 205-pound forward finished as Wisconsin's all-time leading scorer (2,217 points), surpassing former Suns draft pick Michael Finley (21st overall in the 1995 NBA Draft). Tucker, 23, also holds seven other school records, including games played (134), games started (126), minutes played (4,297), field goals (798), free throws (520), free throw attempts (817) and offensive rebounds (314).

As a senior, Tucker led Wisconsin to heights unparalleled in school history. The Badgers won 17 consecutive games, the longest single-season streak in school history, earned a No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press poll for the first time, and garnered their highest seed ever in the 2007 NCAA Tournament (No. 2).

NBA PLAYERS ASSIGNED DURING THE 2006 - 07 THUNDERBIRDS SEASON

#27 DWAYNE JONES FORWARD/CENTER 6'11" 251 ST. JOSEPH'S (PA) '05



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Cleveland acquired Dwayne's rights from the Boston Celtics during the 2006 -07 season. Dwayne was signed as an un-drafted free agent in August 2005 by the Minnesota Timberwolves to a two-year contract. In November of 2005 he was placed on the inactive list. He was assigned twice to the Florida Flame of the D-League during the 2005 - 06 season. In February of 2005 the Boston Celtics acquired his rights. n early entry candidate for the draft after spending three seasons at St. Joseph's University (2002-03 - 2004-05) Along with senior Jameer Nelson, junior guard Delonte West, junior guard Pat Carroll, Dwayne Jones was an integral part of the undefeated regular season of 2004.... Averaged 7.1 ppg (.522 FG%), 8.5 rpg, 2.1 apg, and 2.37 bpg in 98 games (started 69)... Atlantic 10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year and Second Team All Conference selection in 2004-05... Twice named to Atlantic 10 All-Defensive Team

#6 SHANNON BROWN GUARD 6'4" 205 MICHIGAN STATE '06



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Played three seasons at Michigan State and was named All-Big Ten Second Team by media and coaches and Big Ten All-Defensive Team by league's coaches as a junior...also named to NABC All-District First Team and USBWA All-District honoree after his junior season...scored his 1,000th career-point with a 22-point game versus Northwestern...scored a career-high 31 points against Wisconsin....scored 15 or more points in 21 of 34 games as a junior...dished out a career-high eight assists to go with 26 points versus UW-Green Bay, including a career-best six three-pointers...was named All-Big Ten Honorable Mention by league's coaches as a sophomore...selected as Most Outstanding Player of the Austin Regional, averaging 13.5 points and 3.3 rebounds in first four games of 2005 NCAA Tournament...scored a season-high 24 points in NCAA Elite Eight versus Kentucky, including 5-6 from behind the arc...shot a team-best .500 from three-point range (10-20) in five NCAA Tournament games...ranked second in the Big Ten in free throw percentage (.848)...finished second on the team in steals (41)...was named to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team.

NBA PLAYERS ASSIGNED DURING THE 2005 - 06 THUNDERBIRDS SEASON

#34 CJ MILES GUARD 6'6" 220 SKYLINE HS (DALLAS, TX)

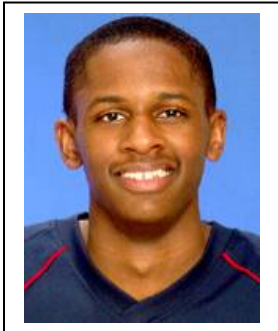


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Appeared in 23 games during his rookie season, averaging 3.4 points and 1.7 rebounds in 8.8 minutes ... Registered 27 DNP-CDs this season ... Missed three games (3/5-3/8) with right foot inflammation ... Posted career-highs in points (23), field goals made and attempted (8-13), assists (4) and blocks (2), and tied career-high in rebounds (6) in a career-high 33 minutes in season finale vs. Golden State on 4/19 ... Only double-digit scoring performance of season ... Inactive for 14 games while on assignment with the Albuquerque Thunderbirds of the NBA Developmental League (1/4-2/3) ... Appeared in 11 games for Albuquerque, starting nine ... Averaged 12.7 points, 3/5 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.00 steals in 27.0 minutes per game in D-League ... Scored in double-figures seven times for Albuquerque, hitting for a high of 19 on three occasions (1/31 vs. Arkansas, 1/21 vs. Austin and 1/15 vs. Tulsa) ... Inactive seven straight games for Jazz prior to D-League assignment (12/21-1/3) ... Scored nine points vs. Indiana, 11/29 ... Grabbed a career-high six rebounds at Sacramento on 11/15 ... Inactive first six games of season ... Scored two points in 13 minutes in NBA debut vs. New York on 11/14 ... The 18-year-old became the youngest player in Jazz history (19, DeShawn Stevenson).

#12 DIJON THOMPSON GUARD/FORWARD 6'6" 195 UCLA '04

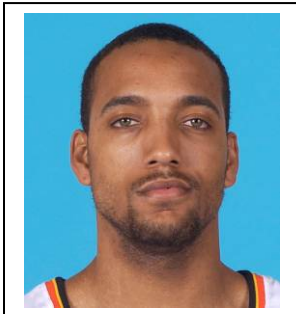


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Assigned to the Albuquerque Thunderbirds for the 2005-06 D-League season... Selected with the 54th pick overall in the second round of the 2005 NBA Draft by the New York Knicks, but his draft rights were traded to the Phoenix Suns along with forward/center Kurt Thomas in exchange for guard/forward Quentin Richardson and the draft rights to guard Nate Robinson (21st pick) on June 28, 2005... Averaged 7.3 points, 2.3 rebounds and shot .372 (16-43 FG) from the floor in 27.8 minutes in six games at the 2005 Reebok Vegas Summer League.

Averaged 12.5 points, 4.7 rebounds and 1.1 steals in 117 career games (72 starts) in four seasons with UCLA. Thompson originally declared for the 2004 NBA Draft and participated in the 2004 NBA Pre-Draft Camp in Chicago, but withdrew his name from consideration prior to the draft. Earned First team All-PAC 10 honors as a senior, averaging 18.4 points (4th in the Pac-10) and 7.9 rebounds in 28 games. Finished as the 19th all-time leading scorer in UCLA history (1,458 points) and tied for fifth for 3-point field goals made (133). Thompson's 18.4 scoring average as a senior was the highest by a Bruin since 1998 and was awarded the Coach John Wooden Award as UCLA's Most Valuable Player for the 2004-05 season after sharing the honor with TJ Cummings in 2003-04.

THUNDERBIRDS IN THE NBA

#44 CHUCK HAYES FORWARD 6'6" 238 KENTUCKY '05



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In his first season with the Rockets, averaged 3.7 points and 4.5 rebounds in 40 games ... finished third among all rookies in rebounds per 48 minutes played (15.8) and tied for eighth in boards per game (4.5) ... had five double-digit rebounding performances ... led or tied for the team lead in rebounding in six games ... signed as a rookie free agent with Houston on Oct. 3 ... waived by Houston on Oct. 25 ... selected sixth overall in the 2005 NBA D-League Draft by the Albuquerque Thunderbirds ... averaged 11.6 points and a league-leading 12.2 rebounds in 14 games (13 starts) with Albuquerque ... re-signed by the Rockets to a 10-day contract on Jan. 18 ... played in his first NBA game vs. Dallas (1/18/06) ... in his second NBA game, registered the first double-double of his career with 12 points (4-5 FG, 4-4 FT) and a career-high 13 rebounds at Chicago (1/20/06), adding a career-best two blocks, one assist and one steal in a career-most 32:55 off the bench.

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THE COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: JEFF RULAND

Ruland becomes the Thunderbirds second overall Head Coach in the team's third season, taking the reins from former Head Coach and current Head Coach of the Los Angeles Sparks (WNBA) Michael Cooper.

Ruland was an All-American honoree during his three-year career, helping lead the Iona Gaels to a 69-21 record, including back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Iona was ranked #6 in the country according to Sports Illustrated and defeated eventual national champion Louisville, 77-60, at Madison Square Garden on February 21, 1980.

As a student-athlete, Ruland had an immediate impact during his first season playing for the Gaels. He led all Division I freshmen in scoring and rebounding, averaging 22.3 points and 12.8 rebounds per game. During the following two seasons, Ruland continued to impress, twice leading the Gaels to the NCAA Tournament and twice receiving All-American accolades. He ended his collegiate career as the college's third all-time leading scorer (1,855 points/20.8 ppg) and second leading rebounder (1,067 rebounds/12.0 rpg). In addition, he is Iona's career leader in field goal percentage (63.5%). Ruland passed up his final year of college eligibility to turn pro.

Ruland was drafted by the Golden State Warriors as an undergraduate in the second round (25th overall) of the 1980 NBA draft, which included such names as Kevin McHale, Kiki Vandeweghe, Rick Mahorn, Larry Smith and Kurt Rambis. Ruland opted to play one season of professional basketball in Barcelona, Spain, where he averaged 21 points and 11 rebounds per game. His draft rights were traded by Golden State to Washington in 1981 for a second round draft pick.

Ruland spent five seasons in Washington and led the Bullets in rebounding and field goal percentage each of those five years. He was selected to the 1984 and 1985 Eastern Conference All-Star teams and named to the 1982 NBA All-Rookie squad. His best season in Washington, and as a professional, came during the 1983-84 campaign when he averaged 22.2 points and 12.3 rebounds while shooting 57.9% from the floor. Following the 1983-84 season, Ruland suffered a left knee injury. Prior to the 1986-87 campaign, he was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers for Moses Malone, Terry Catledge and two future first round draft picks. He played in just five games for the Sixers before his knee injury forced him to retire. Following a five-year layoff, Ruland came out of retirement in 1991 and signed with the 76ers. He played in just 13 games before a tear to his Achilles tendon forced him to miss the remainder of the season. His last stint in the NBA came during the 1992-93 season when the Detroit Pistons signed him to a free agent contract. He played in 11 games before being waived in January of 1993. During his 332-game NBA career, that spanned eight seasons, Ruland averaged 17.4 points and 10.2 rebounds per game while shooting 56.4% from the field.

For the past eight years Ruland had been Head Coach at his Alma Mater (Iona College), in which he compiled 137 wins, an average of more than 17 wins per season and guided the Gaels to three 20-win seasons, three MAAC Championships and three NCAA Tournament appearances.

ASSISTANT COACH: JOHN COFFINO

Coffino joins the Thunderbirds staff as an Assistant Coach in the team's third season. Most recently Coffino was with St. Peter's College as an Admissions Counselor.

He served as an assistant coach at St. Peter's for the past four years. Coffino started his coaching career at Westchester Community College in Valhalla, NY where he served as an assistant and associate head coach for six seasons. There, Coffino assisted Ralph Arietta, the all-time winningest coach in junior college history.

After his stint at Westchester, Coach Coffino spent time at the Division I level as an administrative assistant at Iona College. In his two years at Iona, Coffino was on the staff when the Gaels advanced to the 1998 NCAA Division I Tournament. Before coaching his four years at St. Peter's he spent three seasons at Niagara. John Coffino is a native of the Bronx, where he graduated from Mt. St. Michael Academy.

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER: MARK SHIRES

Mark is entering his first season as the Athletic Trainer for the Thunderbirds. Mark is also an Athletic Trainer for the Baltimore Orioles, working for their AAA minor league affiliate Norfolk Tides (2007). Prior to the Tides, Shires worked with Bowie Baysox (2004-2006), Frederick Keys (2001-03), the 2000 SAL champion Delmarva Shorebirds, and the Gulf Coast League Orioles (1999). At the end of the 2007 minor league season, Mark was asked to complete the Major League season assisting the Athletic Training Staff for the Orioles. Mark was twice named Athletic Trainer of the Year for the Carolina League (2001 and 2003). Mark earned his Bachelor's Degree from West Chester University of Pennsylvania in 1998 and his Master's Degree in Exercise Science from California University of Pennsylvania in 2004. Mark is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association. Shires and his wife Alison currently live in Albuquerque, NM. Mark's Hobbies include reading and playing golf.



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PLAYER BIOS



#7 JOSH GROSS - FORWARD



Selected by: Albuquerque Thunderbirds
Round: 7 - 2007 Draft
Pick (Overall): 3 (87)

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-6	205	UNC-Greensboro '06	Karhut Kauhajoen (Finland)

Pro Career Highlights: Started the 2007-08 season in Finland with Karhut Kauhajoen, appearing in three games and averaging 12.7 points and 7.0 rebounds. Played with the Los Angeles D-Fenders in the NBA Developmental League in 2006-07, averaging 5.8 points and 1.4 rebounds in 14 games. Selected by the D-Fenders as the fifth pick of the 2006 D-League Expansion Draft. Appeared in six games with the Florida Flame in the NBA Developmental League in 2005-06, averaging 7.2 points and 1.5 rebounds in 14.5 minutes a contest.

College Highlights: Finished collegiate career as the ninth all-time in UNC-Greensboro's Division I history with 431. Played in 111 career games, which ranks seventh in school D-I history. Started 42 times, scored in double figures 29 times, and posted five career double-doubles.



#11 DARVIN HAM- FORWARD



Selected by: Albuquerque Thunderbirds
Round: 1 - 2007 Draft
Pick (Overall): 3 (3)

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-7	230	Texas Tech '96	Dallas Mavericks (NBA - 07)

Pro Career Highlights: Played with six teams in the NBA from 1996-97 to 2004-05. Participated in NBA training camp with the Dallas Mavericks in the fall of 2007. Participated in NBA training camp with the New Jersey Nets in the fall of 2006. Played with Maratonistas de Coamo in Puerto Rico in the summer of 2006, averaging 11.3 points and 5.0 rebounds in three games. Spent the 2005-06 season with Talk N Text Phone Pals in the Philippines (statistics unavailable). Spent the 2004-05 season in the NBA with the Detroit Pistons, averaging 1.8 points and 1.7 rebounds. With the Pistons in 2003-04, averaged 1.8 points and 1.7 rebounds in 54 games. With the Atlanta Hawks in 2002-03, averaged 2.4 points and 2.0 rebounds in 75 games. With the Milwaukee Bucks in 2001-02, averaged 4.3 points and 2.9 rebounds in 70 games. With the Bucks in 2000-01 he averaged 3.8 points and 4.2 rebounds in 29 games. With the Bucks in 1999-00, averaged 5.1 points and 4.9 rebounds in 35 games. Spent the 1998-99 season in Spain with Granada, averaging 11.7 points and 7.0 rebounds in 12 games. With the Washington Bullets in the NBA in 1997-98, averaged 2.0 points and 1.8 rebounds in 71 games. Split his rookie season in the NBA with the Denver Nuggets and Indiana Pacers, averaging 2.3 points and 1.6 rebounds in 36 total games. Played in the USBL in the summer of 2006 with the Jacksonville Barracudas and the Florida Sharks, averaging 7.2 points and 5.0 rebounds in 24 total games.



#14 ELIJAH INGRAM - GUARD

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
5-11	166	New Mexico State	New Mexico State (NCAA)

College Highlights (UMS) In his first season with the Aggies Ingram adjusted quickly to his new environment as he was named second team All-WAC and to the All-WAC Newcomer Team. Ingram played in 29 of the Aggies' 30 games last year while making 27 starts at the guard position. Ingram ranked second on the team and 14th in the WAC in scoring, averaging 13.4 points per game while helping the Aggies tie for the fifth-best turnaround in all of Division I men's basketball.

Personal: The son of Carrie Ingram. He is majoring in Family & Child Sciences at New Mexico State University.



#17 ALI BERDIEL - GUARD



Selected by: Albuquerque Thunderbirds
Round: 6 - 2007 Draft
Pick (Overall): 12 (82)

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-5	200	Valparaiso '06	Puerto Rican U21 National Team

College Highlights: Earned Second Team All-Mid-Continent honors as a junior. Berdiel was a member of the Puerto Rican U21 National Team. In 2006 he averaged 8.4 points, 3.4 rebounds, and 3.8 assists. Scored in double figures 13 times. Recorded season high 25 points vs. Oakland. Berdiel tallied 15 points and seven assists vs. IUPUI. Scored 16 points and dished out four assists vs. Oral Roberts. He registered ten points and a season-high eight assists vs. Indiana-South Bend.

Personal: Majored in finance and marketing.



Selected by: Albuquerque Thunderbirds
 Round: 2 – 2007 Draft
 Pick (Overall): 12 (26)



#18 DANIEL HORTON - GUARD

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-3	200	Michigan '06	Deltalcon APOEL Nicosia (<i>Cyprus</i>)

Pro Career Highlights: After going undrafted the 2006 NBA draft, he was signed by the Miami Heat during the 2006 preseason, but was waived before the start of the regular season. On July 9, 2006 he again signed for Miami Heat. He played only one game in the beginning he was waved by the heat in October, and then moved to Turkey. Played with Deltalcon APOEL Nicosia in Cyprus at the start of the 2007-08 season before making the decision to return home (statistics unavailable). Started the 2006-07 season in Turkey with Pinar Karsiyaka SK Izmir, averaging 10.8 points, 2.4 rebounds, and 2.5 assists in eight games. Finished the year with the Los Angeles D-Fenders in the NBA Developmental League, averaging 5.7 points, 1.9 rebounds, and 1.8 assists in 14 games. Participated in NBA training camp with the Miami Heat in the fall of 2006.



Selected by: Albuquerque Thunderbirds
 Round: 9 – 2007 Draft
 Pick (Overall): 3 (115)



#22 RAMON DYER - FORWARD

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-7	200	HOUSTON '06	University of Houston (<i>NCCA</i>)

College Highlights: Named Second Team All-Conference USA as a senior. Started 69 of 100 career games. As a Senior he averaged 12.1 points, a team-high 6.1 rebounds, 1.1 blocked shots, and 1.8 steals. Started 27 of 31 games. Posted five double-doubles. Posted 12 points, 12 rebounds, and a career-high six blocked shots vs. Marshall. Recorded 16 points and five rebounds vs. Missouri State in the second round of the post-season NIT.



#23 SERGE ANGOUNOU - FORWARD

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-8	236	Arizona State '07	BEAC Yaounde (<i>Cameroon</i>)

College Highlights: Started 83 of 103 career games. Posted four 20-point games and ten double-doubles over his four-year career. Redshirted the 2002-03 season while recovering from knee surgery. A local product Angounou attended Rio Grande High School.

Personal: Graduated with a bachelor's degree in Spanish in May of 2006. Is fluent in five languages – English, Spanish, French, Eton, and Bulu. Also practices Karate and Tae Kwon Do.



#24 ABDUL MILLS - GUARD

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-3	190	University of Nebraska - Omaha	InterCollege Etha Engomis (<i>Syria</i>)

Pro Career Highlights: Started the 2007-08 season in Syria with InterCollege Etha Engomis before deciding to return home. He had a strong season at Milford Academy where he averaged 17.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 7.5 assists per game....Averaged 22.0 points per game in his final season at Martin Luther King High School.

General: Majored in Social Science. Son of Charles Allen and Rozena Mills; has three brothers, Abdul Tawaub Mills, Kimu Ziths and Deshaun Ziths and two sisters, Ceida Allen and Casheda Allen.



#33 COREY UNDERWOOD – FORWARD / CENTER

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-10	230	Southern University	Pittsburgh Xplosion (CBA)

Career Highlights: Cory is an athletic left-handed player, is very mobile and athletic who can play the forward n or center position. He was part of the 2nd team All Conference Mid-Hudson -00 and NAIA All-American Honorable Mention -03.

2003-04: Trenton Jersey Squires (ABA) 2004: (June) Brevard Blue Ducks (USBL): 7 games: 3.3ppg, 2.9rpg, 2004 Sept: New York Knicks (NBA) camp, 2005: Gainesville Knights (WBA): 1 game: 2pts, 5reb, 1ast Westchester Wildfire (USBL), 17 games: 8.1ppg, 4.9rpg, FGP: 44.8%, FT: 65.8%, 2005: Ulbra Torres/ Mogi (BRA-NLB Southern Div.) 15ppg 6rpg 3bpg , 2005-06: AZS Gaz Ziemny Koszalin (POL-DBL): 1 game: 4pts, 6reb, 4steals, 1block, Dec.2005, played also at Strong Island Sound (ABA,1T): 22ppg: 8rpbg and Yakama Sun Kings (CBA), 2006: Northeastern Pennsylvania Breakers (USBL,1Y): 5 games: 8.0ppg, 8.0rpg, Dodge City Legend (USBL), USA League: 9 games: 3.0ppg, 3.0rpg; 2006-07: Arkansas RiverCatz (ABA) 11gp 13ppg 11rpg,



Selected by: Phoenix Suns
 Round: 1– 2007 Draft
 Pick (Overall): 29 (29)



#42 ALANDO TUCKER - FORWARD

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-6	205	Wisconsin ' 07	Phoenix Suns (NBA)

College Highlights: The Wisconsin forward was selected 29th overall in the first round of the 2007 NBA Draft, following a standout career with the Badgers.

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#44 KEVIN PITTSNOGLE - FORWARD / CENTER

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-11	255	West Virginia University '	Pittsburgh Xplosion (CBA)

Career Highlights: To the surprise of many West Virginia basketball fans and draft enthusiasts, neither Pittsnogle nor his teammate shooting guard Mike Gansey were chosen by any of the teams in the 2006 NBA Draft. Although Pittsnogle was predicted in most mock drafts as being chosen in the early-to-mid second round, he went undrafted and thus became a free agent. On July 25, 2006, Pittsnogle signed a two-year contract with the Boston Celtics. On October 20, 2006 the Celtics waived Pittsnogle. On November 8, 2006, Pittsnogle signed with the CBA's Pittsburgh Xplosion.

Pittsnogle was then announced to the CBA All-Star game on February 6th after posting 23.5 points per game. Pittsnogle currently holds the CBA single-game record for points scored with 44, which he accomplished earlier in his rookie season. On March 9, 2007 the Xplosion placed him on the team's Inactive Reserve List due to tendinitis in his non-shooting elbow. Even with the injury, Pittsnogle was considered to be a leading candidate for the CBA's Rookie of the Year (award) as he was averaging 19.4 points per game and 6.2 rebounds per game while shooting 86.8% from the free throw line.

Pittsnogle played for the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers on their 2007 Summer League team in early July of 2007. On July 23, 2007 Pittsnogle signed with French Pro A league team Cholet Basket, but he was cut 1 week before the start of the season.

Pittsnogle was selected 12th overall by the NBA Development League's Austin Toros in the 2007 D-League draft



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